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YEARS OF PLENTY AND FAMINE

Joseph was given a vision of that which was to come when the Lord showed him the meaning of the dreams of Pharaoh. Joseph saw seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine (*Gen. 41:29-30*). That was a type of that which is to take place on the earth at the close of this age. For Joseph is a type of the Christian dispensation, even as Benjamin is a type of the Kingdom age which is now at hand. Because of Joseph's faithfulness, he was given wisdom and authority which was recognized by Pharaoh. So also does Joseph represent those to whom the Lord will give wisdom and authority at the close of this age to do a work which has never been done before.

Joseph was shown that during the years of plenty a certain portion was to be laid up or stored for future need. The part that was to be laid up was one-fifth of the total (*Gen. 41:34*). Then during the years of famine this would be the portion which could be drawn on by those who were hungry and needy. That which is an abundance in the flesh is a dearth in the spirit, and that which is an abundance in the spirit is likewise a leanness relative to things of the flesh. The seven years of plenty represent an abundance in the flesh, but the one-fifth part which was laid up during that time is a type of that which is spiritual. For one is the number of life and light, and five is the number of grace and freedom.

This portrays that time at the end of this age when there would first be an abundance of the things of the flesh, and most people would be engrossed therein, even as in the land of Egypt. During

the seven years of plenty most of the people were little concerned about the years of famine which were coming, for they had little or no knowledge thereof. They were not aware of the special maneuvers which were taking place by Joseph and those working with him. They were only interested in that which they were enjoying in their fleshly ways. They were unconcerned about the one-fifth which was being stored up by Joseph. Even so is it in this day. People are generally unconcerned about true spiritual realities. Even the churches are reveling in abundance of the things of the flesh which are provided by a materialistically-oriented civilization. Abundance is everywhere, and the thought of what is coming little concerns the masses of people, and is relatively unimportant in the minds of most Christians.

But there are others that the Lord has prepared, like Joseph, who have been shown the vision of that which is coming. They know that the present abundance of fleshly and material ways and things is not going to last. They know that trying days are coming, such as have never been seen before. They know that what is coming is going to bring about conditions symbolized by the seven lean years of Pharaoh's dreams. They know also that many people are going to turn unto their God in those days of distress and trial. They also know that the Lord is now providing a special portion of revelation and understanding, as well as an added measure of His grace and Spirit, for a special work in their hearts. They know that this is for a preparatory work during the years of plenty, that the one-fifth, representing the spiritual, may be stored up within them. A Joseph company is receiving the Lord's instructions in our times to lay up in store that which is being made known to them.

The years of plenty in the realms of flesh and material things shall be followed by the years of leanness, and that which has been in abundance shall largely disappear. For conditions of privation and famine shall stalk the earth; and those who had previously reveled in worldly pursuits and fleshly pleasures in materialistic affluence, shall find themselves in conditions where they cannot fully give vent to the ways of flesh. Even in the churches, which reveled largely in materialistic and fleshly programs and pursuits, there shall come the stark realization that the things which had

formerly received their interest and attention are no longer available. For everything that contributed to an affluent society will be drastically reduced as the world faces conditions of trial and testing such as have never been seen before.

It will be during this time that those of the Joseph company who have been faithfully prepared by their God shall be used mightily to give unto those who will be crying out in their desperate need. Many who had been previously engrossed in that which is fleshly and material shall turn unto the Lord, and they shall seek out those who have bread to give, even as Joseph was sought out. For there shall be an abundance of that which is spiritual. Many shall receive the one-fifth part from those prepared of their God. Many shall partake of the *one* of light and life and the *five* of freedom and grace. They shall enter into that which is spiritual during the days of leanness in material and fleshly things.

The years of plenty are rapidly drawing to a close. Before long, the conditions represented by the lean cows and lean ears of grain will begin to manifest. Consider the symbolism. Among ancient nations the cow was always an indication of wealth; it was the basic animal upon which man depended for work as well as for providing certain basic necessities. Therefore, the lean cows represent that time when the buying power of wealth shall largely be sapped through inflation and spiraling prices. It will take most of what men are able to make just to meet bare living expenses. Because of shortages brought about by famine conditions in many parts of the world, war preparations, internal disturbances and chaotic civil conditions in many nations, prolonged strikes, and increasing demands by the population explosion; prices on almost everything shall skyrocket. The affluence represented by the fat cows will be a thing of the past. Also, the lean ears of grain represent the great shortages in food which are coming – for grain is man's basic food – and thus symbolic of diminishing food supplies around the world. This will be brought on, not only by the population explosion, but by unprecedented conditions of drought, crop failures, pestilence, and unusual weather conditions including many freak storms. Channeling of food resources for war will also cut down on available supplies. Let me warn you that these conditions are

drawing near!

This is why it is so important for those whom the Lord has called and chosen, like Joseph, to give themselves unreservedly to Him at this time, that He may continue to store up in them that which will become available to many in the coming days. For many shall be turned unto that which is spiritual, by those who are prepared to give forth in that hour.

Notice that Joseph was thirty years of age when he was raised out of the dungeon to begin his work (*Gen. 41:46*). The Levites under the Law of Moses were also thirty years old when they began their service unto the Lord (*Num. 4:3*). David was also thirty years of age when he was made king over Israel (*II Sam. 5:4*). All of this is in harmony with the fact that Jesus was about thirty years of age when He began His ministry (*Lk. 3:23*). This shows that there must be a time of preparation in the lives of God's people before He can begin to use them in power. For in the number 30, we have the *three*, which is the number of the *Word*, in the second placement – that of soul. So must the Word be stored within the depths of the soul by the revelation and working of God's Spirit. Joseph was used by the Lord even during the years of plenty to do a certain work, but his main task was the giving out of the food during the lean years. In like manner, the Lord is preparing a people for a great work that is coming. Many are being used now to make known His Word, but they are still in a time of preparation. Therefore, give yourself wholly unto Him that you might be a ready vessel during the days of Tribulation that are ahead.



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THE EAST SIDE OF JORDAN

God's people are even now being led by Him unto the "land of promise." They are to inherit that which has been prepared for them through the vicarious atonement of the Son of God. Soon the first ones will cross over and enter into the full blessings and power of the Kingdom of God. But first they must enter and possess the land on the east side of Jordan. Only after this portion of the 'promised land' is possessed can a people go across Jordan and enter fully into the covenant promises of deathless life or immortality for the physical body, as well as for the soul.

I wish to show what must be done before the east side of Jordan can be completely possessed. It is recorded that the people of Israel had to first quit the wilderness and begin to journey.

"Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward."

Deuteronomy 2:3

So must God's people turn away from the wilderness of man's ways and turn unto the Lord, that He may teach them anew. For that which we have learned in the barren wilderness of man's traditions has blinded us to the truth and reality of the fullness of that redemption which was provided for us on the cross. Reconsider, therefore, that which you have learned at the feet of a priestly caste who have been taught in colleges of darkness. For they know not the fullness of truth; neither do they teach even a measure of the great spirit verities and realities which are now available unto the children of the Most High God. Therefore consider,

and awaken yourself from spiritual stupor, and let the Spirit of Truth teach you anew what the Lord has provided for you. We have known only bare subsistence in a wilderness outside the fullness of that which has been provided by the Lord.

The Lord spoke unto Moses saying, “*Ye have compassed this mountain long enough...*” (*Deut. 2:3*). What was that mountain? It was mount Seir in the land of Esau. Even so have the Lord’s people been going in circles around the same distorted truths which have been cast into the image and likeness of Esau. Esau means ‘hairy’ – even like a hairy garment. This portrays the fact that God’s people have clothed themselves in the fleshly traditions of man, and have settled for that which is earthy instead of that which is spiritual. They have settled for that which is of the deadness of the flesh and the barrenness of the wilderness instead of the life-giving realities of the Spirit and the refreshing waters of the ‘promised land.’ The Land of Promise was a land of hills and valleys watered by the rains and the dews which the Lord sent, and like unto the land of Egypt (*Deut. 11:10-11*). Take stock of yourself and don’t consider that which has been taught you in the barrenness of Edom’s land. But hear the Word of God and let Him teach you anew that which is now available unto the children of God.

The east side of Jordan is that which must be possessed as a preliminary to the crossing over into Canaan’s land. This means that the land which is now occupied by the Amorites must become your possession. And before it can become your possession the enemy must be driven out. The word “Amorite” means that which is ‘high’ or ‘lifted up.’ Used symbolically, it speaks of those who are elevated or lifted up and given prominence and position. Even so do the Amorites picture that which is hindering the Lord’s people from possessing their full inheritance. It is the practice of giving unto men the prominence and the glory that belongs only unto God. Why continue to listen to the voice of man instead of the voice of God? Why continue to elevate men and give them prominence with all kinds of titles and positions, as if they were the essence of all spirituality and could do no wrong?

Give honor unto those who are the Lord's true ministries, but this is because of the ministry and anointing which He has placed within them and not because of the persons themselves. The glorification of man's flesh is an abomination unto the Lord. To elevate a man and give him titles and a place of recognition and authority in some man-made organization or system is a stench in His nostrils. Stop cowering before a long-frocked caste educated in colleges of darkness. Stop giving eminence to the flesh of man. This is the Amorite which blocks the way into the 'promised land', and keeps God's people from progressing in that which He has purposed.

Take the "sword of the Spirit," the "Word of God," and utterly slay the Amorites; spare not – give not heed unto any man's flesh. Give heed only unto the Lord and unto those ministries which He has raised up to speak His Word in this hour. For that which is of Him shall be authenticated, and those who are His true ministries will display the credentials of their God so that all who are truly seeking Him will know. The day is at hand when the hirelings will be scattered and only the true shepherds will be able to stand. And those He has raised up for this hour will be able to demonstrate their God given credentials, even as Moses in his day; for the Lord's anointing shall be upon them, and they shall speak, not in the fashion of those who have been educated in the colleges of darkness, but they shall speak as the oracle of God, and none shall be able to discount that which He shall place within them. These hear and believe, but from those who babble mere words, turn away. Bare your sword, even the Word of God, and begin to march into the 'promised land' – that which is east of Jordan – and conquer the land, driving out that which is not of the Lord; and see that you don't elevate man, neither be proud or haughty in your own spirit, for none such shall be able to enter in.

Let's proceed further. The children of Israel had to cross three streams of water as they progressed from the south in the territory of Esau into the land east of Jordan. In fulfillment of the type, we will also have to cross over these streams before we are able to begin possessing our full inheritance. The first of these streams, which flowed into the south end of the Dead Sea, was the

brook Zered (*Deut. 2:13*). The word "Zered" means that which is 'lush in growth'; that which is 'luxuriant' and 'abundant.' This typifies that fruit of the Spirit which must be brought forth even unto maturity and perfection. It means leaving behind the immature realms in which most Christians find themselves. It means pressing on into a place of tested and proven character, exhibited by an absolute faithfulness unto God in all of your ways. Those led into the 'promised land' shall enter into those realms of the Spirit where a perfecting work can be done within, and where the abundance of fruit can grow in luxuriance, showing forth the beauty of holiness and the glory of the Lord's presence.

Notice that the next stream to be crossed was the river Arnon (*Deut. 2:24*). The word "Arnon" means a 'rushing torrent,' even that which 'plunges through a gorge' at a rapid pace. When God's people are ready, having exhibited their willingness to be brought unto maturity, then shall the Lord begin to move in a mighty way to bring them into the stream of His purpose, and cause them to experience the "rushing waters" of His Spirit, even that which is portrayed by the river Arnon. This will be a preparation for the final outpouring of the Spirit which is coming. First, a preliminary and preparatory work must be done. There must be the washing of the water of the Word; there must be increasing experience in the realms of the Lord's Spirit that was not known before, for only those who are willing to see the Lord move by His Spirit in a way that they have not known before will be able to continue in the conquest of the east side of Jordan. There is yet much to be done by the Lord to perfect that spiritual Body He is raising up and joining together. Therefore prepare your hearts, for as you press in you shall be engulfed by a mighty stream of spiritual power and blessing. Be not afraid, for He will encompass you to protect you from all the wiles and deceptive devices of the enemy, who is also beginning to come against God's people as a mighty flood or torrent. But the Lord will protect those who put their full trust in Him. He will give unto you keen discernment so that you might know that which is of the enemy. For the "land of promise" is a land where God's gifts shall flow in abundance and the Body of Christ shall be fully liberated from every device of the enemy, and His people shall be fully built up and edified by that which every joint

and member supplies (*I Cor. 12:12-27*).

There is yet one more stream which must be considered – the river Jabbok. This river was crossed as the people pressed northward to conquer all the land of Bashan, which was north of Gilead. The word “Jabbok” means ‘outpouring.’ It was the place where Jacob wrestled with the angel of God during the time of extreme crisis in his life (*Gen. 32:22-32*). It was at the time of his return to the Land of Promise after a sojourn of many years outside the land of his fathers. As Jacob reached a supreme crisis in his life at the river Jabbok, and as the people of Israel crossed the Jabbok in their conquest of the east of Jordan, so does this portray that time which is coming when the Lord’s people will face the greatest crisis that has ever been in the history of the world, even at that time when they are pressing into their promised inheritance. For the beast powers of Revelation shall be reaching their ascendance, and the allied religious forces will be giving their support to world government under the prince of darkness. It will be at this time that a people will be readied to cross Jordan into the full realms of the Kingdom. For the Jordan River, which is the ‘mighty descender’ of death, will be rolled back and a chosen number will cross over into the heavenly realms of glorified life, and a yet smaller number shall enter into immortality in physical bodies.

Then shall take place the fulfillment of “Jabbok,” which means ‘outpouring.’ Then shall occur that worldwide outpouring of the Spirit on all flesh which is promised in the Word (*Joel 2:28-32*). This shall be the fulfillment of Pentecost as the Lord pours out His Spirit that a mighty harvest might be brought forth. The Feast of Pentecost was at the time of the wheat harvest. During this time of great spiritual outpouring which is coming, many more shall be readied to conquer the east side of Jordan in preparation for a full entrance into the glories of the coming Kingdom.

The east side of Jordan is preliminary and preparatory. It is actually the transition from the wilderness in preparation for the full entering into the Kingdom. Therefore it must be possessed first. There must be both a tearing down of the strongholds of the enemy, represented by the Amorites, and a coming into the mature

life of the Spirit, represented by the brook Zered and the river Arnon. That which is of man, his ways and traditions, must be destroyed by the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. And those who would progress must let the Lord do a perfecting work within them, letting Him bring them into ever greater realms of the Spirit. Then, and only then, will there be a readiness to cross over Jordan.

Those of you who have been quickened to an understanding of what the Lord is now doing, are in the process of conquering the east side of Jordan. Think not that you can cross over to the west of Jordan until this realm has been possessed first. Many there are who want a quick and easy way into the fullness of Kingdom blessings and powers; but there is no way except by way of the east side of Jordan. Behold the pattern, and let Him fulfill it within you.



UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM

Here I would like to tell you of that which is the essence of the teaching of the entire Bible. It is the coming of the Kingdom of God to the earth. It is the establishment of the reign of Heaven in the earth, until the entire earth is joined in perfection to the Heavenly realms and they become one, causing that which is earthly to be transmuted and glorified, partaking of the ultimate of that which has been ordained by the Lord of all creation. Now consider this Kingdom in its various aspects. A kingdom implies a ruler and those who are ruled. And if the ruler is truly righteous, he desires that all of his subjects be brought into a realm where they are partaking of all that is within his power to bless them with. He reigns to bring to his subjects the full benefit of all that he is and that which he possesses.

Look with me and behold the Kingdom of God. Consider first the Kingdom as it was formed in its initial or preparatory stages to portray a type or pattern of that which would manifest at a later time. First the Lord brought a people out of Egypt to establish them as His Kingdom people, that they might receive the blessings of His reign, and also might show forth the blessings of that Kingdom unto other peoples and nations. The people of Israel were joined unto the Lord as a Kingdom of priests and a holy nation (*Ex. 19:6*). They were therefore to portray by type that which the Lord would later do through a people who would be joined to Him in the power of His Spirit, and not according to the law of carnal commandments. The people of Israel were placed under the tutorship of law that they might learn certain important lessons, and

that they might portray the pattern of that which would eventually be established through the person and ministry of the King Himself, coming in human flesh.

That which was portrayed through the nation of Israel was not the true Kingdom reality, but only the pattern; it was not the true Kingdom era, but only the prelude and the preparation. It is like the fetus within the womb of a woman before it is vivified by the spirit which is placed within it, and before it is fully developed and born into the world as a living organism. The true Kingdom is a living reality even as a living organism that is born into the world, indwelt and ruled by a spirit begotten of the Father.

Even as a fetus is first merely a prepared vessel for a spirit begotten of the Father, which at the proper time is placed within it to vivify it, so was the physical nation of Israel merely the developmental stage of the Kingdom, as a preparation for the mighty Spirit of the Son of God to be manifested in human flesh within that nation. He took the developing embryo of the Kingdom and by His personal ministry He vivified it – giving it spiritual life. The Law and the Prophets were until John, then the Kingdom of God was preached (*Lk. 16:16*).

John the Baptist, as the forerunner of the Messiah, by his ministry unto a Godly remnant of Israel, brought the developing Kingdom embryo unto the place where it could be vivified by the mighty Spirit of the Son of God. By His own mighty Spirit, incarnated within the body of the Nazarene, did the Son of God personally vivify the fetus of the Kingdom and bring it to the place where it could be born as a living organism. By His personal ministry did He take a remnant of the physical seed of Abraham, those who had received the preparatory ministry of the Law and the Prophets (including the ministry of John the Baptist), coming forth as the embryo state of the Kingdom, and vivify it unto spiritual life in preparation for birth.

Then the Son of God further prepared for the birth of the Kingdom-embryo by personally taking upon Himself all that the Law had brought about by its curse upon the disobedient. He personally took upon Himself the failure of the nation of Israel, as well as the

entire human race, by dying on the Cross as sin's perfect ransom price. Just before a babe is born from the womb of its mother, and in the moments of its birth as it comes forth unto new life, it is very near death; it actually goes through the pangs of death just before it breathes into its lungs the atmosphere of its new-found environment. Even so did the Son of God, after He had brought the vivified fetus of the Kingdom unto the time of birth, personally go through the birth-pangs of death on its behalf, vicariously suffering that the Kingdom might be brought to birth. And as He personally went through the agonies of death, so did that remnant, to which He had given spiritual life, go through the agonies of the death of their expectant hopes centered in their Messiah. For by His crucifixion their expectations were shattered and ended. But notice the pattern. After the "birth-pangs" of death, the Son of God came forth from the grave "breathing" the new atmosphere of glorified life. A new thing had been born – a new organism had come forth; the first-born of a new Kingdom realm had been manifested. And those who thought that their hopes had ended found new life.

Now was the time for the Kingdom to begin in reality and power. For the patterns through natural Israel had run their course; that which was preparatory was now to give way to the Kingdom realm in fact. When Jesus was raised from the dead unto life forevermore, and when He imparted His own resurrection life unto His disciples, then was the Kingdom a reality. That which had been a developing embryo under John the Baptist, had been vivified by the personal ministry of Jesus the Christ, and had experienced death pangs during His crucifixion and entombment, was now brought forth in birth as a living reality. Now was the King ready to ascend to begin His reign as a King-Priest after the order of Melchizedek (*Heb. 5:10, 7:17*).

Forget about that which has been taught you in the schools of man's darkness. For man has taught that the Kingdom realm is yet future. But I say unto you that the Kingdom became a reality when Jesus came forth from the tomb; it was made manifest to the Disciples in the Upper Room when Jesus breathed upon them and said "*Receive ye the Holy Spirit*" (*Jn. 20:22*). It came in spiritual power on the Day of Pentecost when the 120 received the

baptism of the Holy Spirit. Therefore realize that the kingdom has been a living reality, a spiritual organism, a realm of power, blessings and glory for those who hear and heed its truths, since that day.

But man has preferred to limit his God. Realizing his own inadequacy to comprehend and live in the full reality of the Kingdom realm, he has chosen to postpone it to some future era – covering his own ignorance and spiritual stupor by relegating that which is a present reality to a future hope. This has been the blinding error which has caused Satan to score a triumph in this world of material things. Blinded teachers have held out vague “hope so’s” in a world of uncertain tomorrows rather than preaching and demonstrating the present reality of a Kingdom which meets the needs of people in the Here and Now. There will yet be greater manifestations of the Kingdom in the ages to come, but this is only because man's grossness has made it necessary to delay the fuller expressions of the Kingdom until a people have been prepared to both receive and implement its ever-increasing realization. The new age which is even now beginning to dawn is sometimes called the “Kingdom Age” only because it will see the realization of this greater manifestation. Dispensational truth has its place in the plan of God, but let none wrest it unto a distortion of present Kingdom truth and the reality of an ever-reigning Christ over those who are His.

So consider what you must do to participate in this Kingdom. Do people benefit from the reign of a king and his kingdom realm if they are not citizens? Are you not born into this world as citizens of Lucifer's kingdom of darkness, and remain in his kingdom until you are translated out of that kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of light (*Col. 1:13*)? So how are you translated or transferred out of Lucifer's kingdom into the Kingdom of the Son of God? By way of birth! For it is written, “***Ye must be born again***” (*Jn. 3:7*). To be “born again” means to be regenerated within. This initial regeneration can be viewed as both a birth and a conception. It is a birth unto citizenship in the present Kingdom of Christ, but with reference to the FULL ENTERING of the coming Heavenly Kingdom in joint-heirship with Christ, it can be seen as a

conception. This initial regeneration is by the incorruptible seed of Christ (*I Pet. 1:23*), and this brings ETERNAL LIFE to the soul, causing it to be “born” into the present Kingdom of Christ; but the ultimate ENTERING into the full Kingdom in the Heavens involves also the REDEMPTION of the physical body (*Rom. 8:23*). Thus with reference to THAT realm, and the “birth” of the entire being OUT OF the earthly into the Heavenly, the initial regeneration is but a conception.

You have already seen the application of this analogy as it pertains to the “birth” of the Kingdom in the days of Jesus, and as it was exemplified in His own “birth” from the dead unto glorified life. He was the first to be “born” into the Heavenly Kingdom with a glorified body; but His purpose is to bring many sons unto glory (*Heb. 2:10*). He is also called the “firstborn” from the dead (*Col. 1:18, Rev. 1:5*). According to this analogy, the embryonic Christian life begins to grow and develop after its conception, but not until it is vivified by the baptism of the Holy Spirit does it receive the spiritual quickening and energizing necessary to bring it to full maturity. This is true of a fetus in a womb; it must receive the quickening of a spirit from God, which is placed within at the ordained time, or it cannot fully develop and be ready for birth; otherwise it will miscarry. This is what happens in the lives of so many Christians; they miscarry or fail to arrive at that place of spiritual maturity necessary for them to be ready for “birth” into the Heavenly Kingdom. This does not mean they lose their salvation; it simply means they must come back to the earth in the resurrection and function in physical bodies that are still confined to the “womb” of the earth, rather than being “born” OUT OF the earthly into the heavenly. This “birth” into the Heavenly Kingdom involves a complete change in the physical body to where it becomes a glorified body like unto Christ's glorious body (*Phil. 3:21*). For some this will come by means of resurrection unto glorified life when Jesus returns for His chosen saints; for others it will take place as a change or translation while living (*I Thess. 4:16-17, I Cor. 15:51-52*).

This full ENTERING INTO the Heavenly Kingdom is that which Jesus speaks of in *John 3*, in these words: “*Except a man*

be born of (out of) *water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God*” (3:5). This is that “vivifying” experience so necessary for those who would be made ready for entrance or “birth” into the Heavens. It is a second generating by the Spirit following the initial regeneration by the incorruptible seed. It is being “born” or generated *out of* the water or soulish realm into a realm of complete sanctification by the Spirit: designated in the Scriptures as the baptism of the Holy Spirit (*Matt. 3:11*). It is written that *“the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory”* (*Ex. 29:43*). The Holy Spirit Baptism completely sanctifies the human tabernacle unto the glory of God. There is an impartation of divine substance, which corresponds to the glory-cloud which dwelt in the Tabernacle pitched by Moses. And this glory-substance fully sanctifies the human tabernacle to the complete severance of the *bent* toward sin. But so few understand this, and believe not in its full accomplishment; and thus they receive not the full benefit of its intended purpose. It is the Spirit-powered phase of that which is proclaimed by the Apostle Paul that those baptized into Christ are dead to sin (*Rom. 6:1-7*). To be baptized in water in full confidence of this truth is important, but it is not until the “coming on” of the Spirit that the faith exhibited in this physical act is fully implemented. For it is this complete sanctification by the Spirit that brings one out of the water or soulish condition of bondage to the desire nature which precipitates into sin.

This same truth is also pictured by the rite of circumcision which was performed on every male Hebrew babe the eighth day after he was born. Even so is the “new born” Christian to receive a “circumcision” experience by the Spirit not later than the eighth day offer the initial regeneration by the incorruptible seed. From this perspective the initial regeneration is seen as a birth rather than a conception. As the circumcision provided for a cutting away of the flesh, so is the baptism of the Holy Spirit to penetrate to the very core of one's being and “cut away” or sever that which binds the person to his desire nature. But because of ignorance of God's plan there are few who receive the full benefit of their baptismal experience by the Spirit.

This truth is also portrayed by the consecration of Aaron to the

high priestly ministry. He was instructed to wait at the door of the Tabernacle for seven days after the initial cleansing rites had been accomplished (*Lev. 8:35*). Then on the eighth day fire proceeded out of the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle and fell upon the sacrifices which Aaron had placed on the Altar (*Lev. 9:24*). Even so will it be unto the Lord's people when they fully understand His plan and purpose for them. They shall completely consecrate themselves unto Him for a period of seven days following their acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Savior, that He may pour out upon them His Spirit. This is the fire which fell upon the Altar of sacrifice on the eighth day. Thus we see how important it is for the keys of understanding to be restored unto God's people that they may fully benefit from all that He has for them.

Now consider further that which is recorded in *John 3*, Those "born again" are to *see* the Kingdom, and those "***born of (out of) water and of the Spirit***" are to *enter into* the Kingdom. The initial regeneration provides eternal life for the soul through the incorruptible seed. Those who fail to go beyond this experience in their Christian life, receiving not the full benefit of the Spirit's work, shall be resurrected back to the earth to live in deathless physical bodies within the confines of the earthly kingdom. This will be the nether pole of Christ's own Kingdom dwelling in the upper or heavenly realm around the earth. Those on earth will *see* the Kingdom through the appearance of the glorified members of that Heavenly Kingdom for purposes of teaching and instruction. The ones functioning in glorified bodies in the Heavenly Kingdom will have fully *entered into* the Kingdom. They will be the ones who went beyond the initial regeneration and allowed the Spirit to do a complete work in them.

Whether seen from the point of view of a conception and development unto birth through the life-giving and vivifying work of the Spirit, or from the point of view of an initial birth into the present Kingdom of Christ and the subsequent growth unto maturity through the sanctifying power of the Spirit, there can be no full entering into the Kingdom unto joint-heirship with Christ in the heavenlies until a perfecting work has been done. There is coming an "adoption" unto full Sonship, which will be the result of a finished re-

demption, including the redemption of the body (**Rom. 8:23**) that it might be like unto Christ's glorious body (**Phil. 3:21**). When this is accomplished, that which has been but an earnest or down payment by the Spirit (**Eph. 1:14, II Cor. 1:22**) will eventuate in the full purchased possession being liberated by the Spirit into the glories of joint-heirship with Christ (**Rom. 8:17-19**). Then shall the words be spoken by the King of Glory, "***Come ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world***" (**Matt. 25:34**). There is much more to be made known concerning the Kingdom, both that which now is and that which is coming, but these insights are given that you might know and understand that which the Lord has prepared for them that love Him.



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GOD'S UNFOLDING PURPOSE

The following two messages were written at a time when the Lord was unfolding further phases of His purposes, both spiritually and on the world scene. The first one is a call for the Lord's people to awaken to His spiritual workings before having to be jarred by world events. Following this message is an article which more fully explains the significance of that which the Lord is now doing.

The final message was written on June 7, 1967, while the Jews and Arabs were still fighting, with no assurance that it was going to cease. Yet, I had the assurance that there would be a seeming settlement. Later, a cease fire was declared and the fighting stopped. The Lord was warning by this flare-up that our time is short. The Middle East will yet see conditions of total war with all nations being drawn into the battle in one way or another. The gathering of all nations to Jerusalem to battle is already being fulfilled in one respect by endless debates in the United Nations. No doubt the "word-battle" will continue for some time with no real solution of the problems involved. Russia and others will continue their tactics of intrigue and infiltration, for there are high stakes in that area. The United States will continue to vacillate until forced to take a stand when hostile military forces in the Middle East take on dangerous proportions.

One wonders what it is going to take to wake the people of this nation up. We can be thankful that the Lord is giving sufficient warning that those who are "dull of hearing" may be stirred to an

awareness of the times in which we live. To those of us who are in tune with His Spirit and the "still small voice," it is a time as never before to get ready for the mighty revival that is to shake the world BEFORE the final shaking by titanic world events and total conflict.



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GOD IS MOVING BY HIS SPIRIT

“Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.”

Hebrews 12:15

There are three kinds of enemy spirits which are especially defiling the members of the Body of Christ today. They are spirits of jealousy, spirits of criticism, and spirits of resentment. All three are the fruit or manifestation of the root of bitterness in people.

Consider the crucifixion scene where Jesus was offered vinegar mixed with *gall* (a bitter substance). (See *Matt. 27:34*.) “He refused it.” When Jesus went to the cross to purchase our redemption from all the sins and defilements of the enemy, He refused the gall of bitterness. We know that Jesus was the pattern for His spiritual Body. Just as Jesus, in His physical body, refused to drink the gall of bitterness, so is that same Jesus, through the discernment and liberating power of His Spirit, going to refuse the spirits of bitterness in His spiritual Body. And these spirits are primarily jealousy, criticism, and resentment.

There are other spirits which are especially troubling the Body of Christ at this time. I will discuss two other groups of three each. In the second group are proud spirits, religious spirits and deceiving spirits. In the third group are covetous spirits, lust spirits and lying spirits. These six, plus the three “bitter” spirits mentioned above, are the nine kinds of spirits which are especially defiling the Body of Christ, and are hindering the saints from moving into their full

inheritance in Christ. The present move of the Spirit of God is primarily to bring cleansing and deliverance from these spirits of the enemy that the saints be no longer hindered. I cannot now go into all that the Lord has shown me concerning this subject and the relation of His present move to it. But I do know that He is raising up and anointing vessels of His choosing to be used in this ministry. He has also promised keen discernment, and I know that along with this gift will go the gifts of knowledge and wisdom, and also much love and compassion. For this is a ministry of help and deliverance, not of condemnation. There are many saints who are vexed and oppressed by one or more of these spirits and they are not fully aware of it. They may sense that something is wrong, but they don't know what to do or how to get deliverance.

The Lord has shown me that the nine spirits mentioned are the very antithesis of the nine fruits of the Spirit mentioned in **Galatians 5:22-23**. How can the Lord impart love, joy and peace when many saints are experiencing the bitterness of jealousy, criticism and resentment. It is impossible for saints to express genuine longsuffering, gentleness and goodness toward others if there are proud, religious and deceiving spirits at work in their lives. There can be very little real fidelity, meekness and self-control evidenced in those who have succumbed to covetous, lust and lying spirits. There is so much more that could be written about what the Lord is revealing, but I need to draw this to a close. However, I feel led to point out one more thing. Notice the inspired statement of Peter in **Acts 8:23** as he exposes the jealousy of Simon toward the Apostles and his coveting of their power. Peter says, ***"For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness."*** Think in terms of "chemical imbalance." We cannot expect the spiritual Body of Christ to function in full power and glory until the Spirit has fully liberated from all the bitter and defiling spirits of the enemy which are so prevalent among the saints today.

I am convinced there can be no real moving on into the fullness of His Covenant blessings and powers until there has been a real cleansing and liberating work done in His spiritual Body. And I am also convinced that the Spirit of God is beginning to move in a special way NOW for this type of ministry. Only a special *bap-*

tism of His love, a special impartation of His wisdom, and a special endowment of His anointing can bring about what He has purposed.

PRAYER –

Lord, hasten the day when the members of Your spiritual Body will begin to come into Your maturity and perfection, manifesting the fullness of Your fruit in their lives. May the power of Your Presence and Glory be so profound, and the cleansing and liberating work of Your Spirit so effective, that Your saints shall refuse to “drink” of the gall of bitterness. Bring us into the full efficacy of Your atoning work, where naught but Your love, joy and peace deep within abide, and where all that is of the enemy will flee before saints enraptured with Your beauty, clothed with Your holiness, and lifted into heights of spiritual ecstasy unknown by mortals before. Search our hearts, O Lord, and cleanse us from all defilements of flesh and spirit. MOVE, O Lord, as You have promised, until not one of Your lambs is prey to the enemy's fangs. Liberate all into the glory awaiting, till the veil grows thin, and lilting song of angel's chorus impinges upon all who uplift their hearts unto You. We wait thy fullness, O Blessed Redeemer, where Your purchased possession, elect saints of light, shall walk in splendor magnificent, and feel the tremor of Heaven's alighting on crust of clay, to make new all things in this Your day. Now raise up Your Body true, afflicted no more by spirits wrong, and let each fulfill his part in humble thankfulness of grace extended, until all as ONE MAN march forth to liberate a dying world. So let it be, Lord Jesus.

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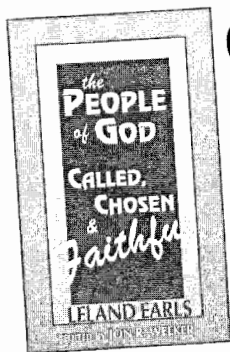
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